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McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission Update

The Town of Fountain Hills finalized purchase of 354 acres of the most visible portion of the McDowell Mountains on December 20, 2001. This additional land increases the size of the Fountain Hills McDowell mountain preserve to 740 acres of open space above an elevation of 2,400 feet. The Preserve will be protected as Open Space – Conservation. Adjacent to our preserve, and within the boundary of the Town of Fountain Hills, is an additional 200 acres of Scottsdale's McDowell Mountain Sonoran preserve (see map on page 2).

Adjoining these two preserves is McDowell Mountain Regional Park. This total area of park and preserves (58,239 acres) creates a significant natural environment for sonoran desert wildlife, a sanctuary for surrounding residential dwellers, as well as protection from further development within the McDowell Mountain area.

Physical access to the Preserve area by vehicle will have to wait until MCO Properties develops roadways into the box canyon development of Eagles Ridge North. At that time, the Town will locate a central trailhead on Preserve property. This location will allow for 34 parking spaces, plus room for two school buses, without being visible from the residential areas. Conceptual planning includes a ramada, picnic tables, restrooms, and access to three walking trails.

Until roadway development is completed in the box canyon section (Eagles Ridge North), the public is requested to focus its local walking or bike riding plans in the northernmost section of undeveloped land identified as Eagles Nest or into the McDowell Mountain Regional Park. MCO Properties has given the Town residents permission to continue to walk into the Preserve area from dirt roads that turn west from the end of the present Golden Eagle Blvd. Individuals parking at the end of Golden Eagle Blvd. should respect the privacy of nearby homes sites. When possible, carpool even small groups to limit the number of vehicles in that area. Previous access points such as Choluta or beyond Copperwynd Drive will be posted with warnings. The public is advised that, due to road construction and liability concerns, all access routes will be posted "No Trespassing" and violators will be charged.



Meanwhile, the McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission ("MMPC") is developing detailed design concepts and recommendations for:

- ✕ A central trailhead and a McDowell Mountain Regional Park trailhead.
- ✕ Layout of walking trails that comply with Arizona State Parks standards.
- ✕ Specific Land Use Rules and Regulations that will apply to the Preserve area.

Acceptance and implementation of these recommendations await Town Council approval.

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McDowell Mountain

Here is a view you have cherished, a view you have wanted preserved for now and future generations of Fountain Hills residents. Now that goal has been reached!

The MMPC is planning to enlist those residents wishing to become "Trail Stewards" in a series of training classes beginning in February. The Stewards will apply such knowledge in helping to build trails, police trails, and generally provide service to those using the Preserve. Those interested may give a name and phone number to the Town Hall receptionist at 837-2003, and will be contacted as soon as specific meeting dates have been determined.

Town Tidbits

Fountain Park

The Town was notified late last fall that it was again the recipient of a grant. This grant was submitted to help fund Phase II Improvements to further develop the Town's most visible park. Detailed design plans will be completed early this year, with bidding and construction to follow. Phase II Improvements include: replacement of playground equipment, installation of additional picnic ramadas, improvements to the easterly parking area, and the installation of additional park signage.

Aquatic and Fitness Feasibility Committee

The Town Council recently approved the formation of a committee to study the feasibility of a public aquatic and fitness facility, including the public's willingness to financially support the concept. It is anticipated that the Committee will take many months to complete its analysis before presenting its findings to the Council. The committee includes representatives from a number of organizations, groups, and members from the public.

Fountain Hills General Plan 2002



The first draft of the General Plan 2002 will be available for review and comment February 1st. Copies will be available at the library, the Town Administration Office, and the Planning and Zoning Department.

The General Plan 2002 document will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendation and to the Town Council for approval before appearing on the September 10, 2002, election ballot.

Please contact Jesse Drake, Senior Long Range Planner, at 816-5191 or at jdrake@fh.az.gov for more information.

"Help Us, Help You"

Fountain Hills continues to be a great place to live, work, and play, and our town has several ordinances to keep it that way. While you are driving through other communities that surround Fountain Hills you may notice posters attached to street signs or boxes lying on the ground advertising anything from garage sales to lost pets to get-rich schemes.

Fountain Hills ordinances presently in place regulate the size of the sign, the material that can be used, locations signs may be placed, and the time that they may be displayed. Listed below are just a few of the sign regulations listed in the ordinance.

1. Signs must not be placed within 150' linear feet from any traffic control light.
2. Signs must be removed before sunset and may not be put up before sunrise.
3. Signs must be placed at least 3 ft. behind the curb. If no curb is present, signs shall be located at least 10 ft. from the edge of the paved portion of the public right of way.
4. No signs may be placed anywhere along Shea Boulevard.
5. Signs must be directional, i.e. a directional arrow or a physical street address.
6. Signs may not be placed on sidewalks.
7. Signs must be constructed of wrought iron, sheet metal 1/8-inch thick, plastic or wood at least 3/8-inch thick.

The Marshals Department provides legal signs that may be borrowed, however supplies are limited. All signs are loaned on a first come, first served basis.

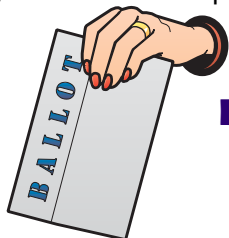
If you would like a complete copy of the off-premise sign ordinance, 6.08, contact the Fountain Hills Marshals Department, Community Service Division at 837-8800, or visit us on the web at www.fh.az.us/Codes/Zoning/ and look under Fountain Hills Zoning Ordinance (.pdf format).

Town of Fountain Hill; Public Notice of Primary Election March 12, 2002

On Tuesday, March 12, 2002, the Town of Fountain Hills will hold a Primary Election to nominate a mayor and three council members for the Fountain Hills Town Council. The terms of Mayor Sharon Morgan, Vice Mayor John Kavanagh, and Councilmembers Sharon Hutcheson and John Wyman will expire in June, 2002.

Sample ballots will be sent to each household in which a registered voter resides on or around January 28 and February 18 in an attempt to provide voter information prior to the start of early voting as well as after the close of voter registration. The pamphlet will contain information on polling places and a list of the candidates that will appear on the ballot. The mailing label on the pamphlets will indicate where the voter should go to vote.

The Clerk's Office will have a copy of the County Voter Registration by Tuesday, February 12. Any citizen may call 837-2003 after February 12 to verify their polling place and/or registration status. If you have questions on your registration status or polling place, please call 837-2003.



Important Dates to Remember Prior to Voting

Thursday, February 7

- Sample ballots available for public inspection at Town Hall.
- Early ballots available. Qualified voters can vote early by mail or in person.
- **To vote by mail:** Complete an early ballot request card. These cards are found at Town Hall Building A Lobby Area, the Library, and the Community Center. These cards must be mailed to Maricopa County Elections before Friday, March 1, 2002. You may also contact Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511, or the County Recorder's online site at <http://recorder.maricopa.gov/> to request a mail ballot.

Requests to vote by mail must be received by County Elections on or before Friday, March 1, 2002. Early ballots can be returned to the County by mail, placed in a sealed ballot box at Town Hall Building A Lobby Area, or dropped off at any polling place on Election Day.

- **To vote in person:** Come to Town Hall, 16836 E. Palisades, Bldg. A, Fountain Hills, AZ, and request to vote early. Bring current photo identification and voter registration card.

POLLING PLACES REVISED

Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Some of the Fountain Hills polling places have changed due to availability. Review the complete list below:

- PRECINCT #1: Christ's Church of Fountain Hills, 15555 East Bainbridge
- PRECINCT #2: Fountain Hills Community Church, 15202 North Fountain Hills Blvd.
- PRECINCT #3: Fountain Hills Community Church, 15202 North Fountain Hills Blvd.
- PRECINCT #4: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 16150 East El Lago Blvd.
- PRECINCT #5: Fountain Community Center, 13001 North La Montana Dr.
- PRECINCT #6: Fountain Community Center, 13001 North La Montana Dr.
- PRECINCT #7: Fountain View Village, 16455 E. Avenue of the Fountains



Monday, February 11

County registration closes. All voter registration is processed through Maricopa County. In order to be eligible to vote in the March 12 election, voters must have submitted their registration to Maricopa County Elections by February 11.

Friday, March 1

Deadline to request an early mail ballot.

Thursday, March 7

Logic and Accuracy Test. Equipment used to count ballots will be tested at 10:30 a.m. at the Precinct Service Building, 2025 E. University Dr., Phoenix. The public is welcome.

Friday, March 8

Deadline to vote early in person at Town Hall is 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12 – Election Day

Polls open 6:00 a.m.
Polls close at 7:00 p.m.

FOUNTAIN HILLS BRANCH

February is Multicultural Month

Special events and activities celebrating America's cultural diversity will take place throughout the month of February. Special guest performers will delight children and adults in portraying aspects of the diverse and fascinating cultures that make up the fabric of America.

Alaska – The Iditarod

Date: Monday, February 25th
Time: 10:00 a.m. (children's event)
6:00 p.m. (adult event)

Join Kathy Madden of Fountain Hills for a glimpse of this piece of Alaskan culture. Both children and adults will enjoy learning about the history and spirit of the "Last Great Race" — a dogsled race through 1,150 miles of rugged, and sometimes treacherous, Alaskan landscape from Anchorage to Nome, commemorating a life-saving journey to epidemic-stricken Nome in 1925. There will be a day and evening session.

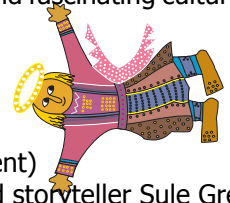
Songs & Stories of the Great Southwest

Date: Tuesday, February 5th
Time: 10:00 a.m. (children's event)

Kids will love this interactive program of songs and stories by Don and Victoria Armstrong. Join us for a story-song mystery filled with clues, sing-along songs, riddles and games.

Sule Greg Wilson

Date: Saturday, February 16th
Time: 10:00 a.m. (children's event)
Join African drummer, dancer and storyteller Sule Greg Wilson who will delight both children and adults with African-American folklore and drums.



Michael Lacapa

Native American author, illustrator and storyteller Michael Lacapa will enthrall all ages with his wonderful stories and folktales of Native American culture.

Oh Canada!

Kids are invited to come and enjoy activities and crafts celebrating the culture of our northern neighbor. Build an Inuksuk, taste the sweetness of maple syrup, and more!

Note: Dates and times for Michael Lacapa and Oh Canada! will be announced. Watch for further details to be posted in the library or contact the library at 837-9793.

Once Upon a Monday



Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us on Mondays beginning at 10:00 a.m. for stories, activities and crafts. Watch for announcements for special guest performers and storytellers each month. With the exception of selected special events and performances, registration is not required.



Computers for Kids. On the 3rd Monday of each month, preschoolers will be introduced to the basics of computers and learn how to find online stories, games and more!

Once Upon a Monday promotes Nature Awareness in March. "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." During the month of March Once Upon a Monday will promote Nature Awareness through special stories and activities aimed at teaching children about the value of their natural world.

Fountain Hills Library Association Events



Read a book and meet an author. Pete Hautman is coming to Fountain Hills on February 18th for the Fountain Hills Library Association's yearly Author's Luncheon at the Community Center. Pete is an excellent speaker as well as writer and will entertain all. Peter is a mystery writer of both adult and young adult fiction, as well as a non-fiction writer under the pen name of "Peter Murray". He lives in Golden Valley, Minnesota, with poet Mary Logue. Pete's latest novel is *Rag Man*, a tragic-comedy about a man who commits the ultimate passive-aggressive act and is forever changed. Another favorite is *Mrs. Million*, a novel about a lottery winner who puts out a reward on her husband. This book won the Minnesota Book Award for Best Popular Novel in 2000. Pick up one of his books at the Fountain Hills Library, read it, then buy a ticket to meet and eat with him on February 18th. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be available at the Community Center main desk from January 28th to February 15th. Watch for the Grand Opening of the Used Book Store in the lobby of the new library in mid February. Used books, videos, and books on tape will be available for prices from \$3.00 to \$.50. Donations of saleable books are always welcome too. While there, fill out a membership card to join the Library Association. Membership is inexpensive - \$10.00 and up - and a great way to support our local treasure - the Fountain Hills Library.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Local Authors: Writing and the Trials and Tribulations of the Publishing Process

Join us on Monday, February 11th from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for Park I in our series of Writing and Publishing.



Robert Mason of Rio Verde discusses his interest in the history of this area and the publishing of two of his books: *The Burning* and *Verde Valley Lore*. In his latest book, *The Burning*, Bob tells the true story of Annie and Patrick White who came from Ireland fleeing the Great Potato Famine to pioneer in Arizona. Bob has also published *Kansas Farm Boy* and *Our Desert*

Oasis, as well as the Verde Valley Lore column in the Fountain Hills Times.

Part II of the series: The Challenges of Blending History and Fiction will be on Monday, February 18th from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bob Mason will discuss the techniques for blending history and fiction.

On Monday, March 4th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Stuart Leland Rider: *Real Estate Investing for the Complete Idiot's Guide Series* will discuss the publishing of his book, *Real Estate Investing; a welcome addition to the Complete Idiot's Guide Series*. Stuart has more than 30 years experience in commercial real estate development. If you are a specialist and are interested in writing about your passion or profession, join us for some insider tips.

CREATIVE HANDS IN THE LIBRARY FOR KIDS & ADULTS

Special Projects for the Age-old Traditions of Crochet & Knitting

Karen Bessinger will present a series on special projects for the crochet and knitting enthusiasts. Bring needles (any size) and yarn (matching weight), crochet hooks (size G or H) and worsted weight yarn. Supplies also available for use in library. Bring your projects and patterns for a "show & tell and help me". This program is free.

Date: February 12th, 10:00 a.m. – Noon (Crochet-in)
February 26th, 10:00 a.m. – Noon (Knit-in)
March 5th, 10:00 a.m. – Noon
(Crochet: Hanging spring towels for the kitchen)
March 19th, 10:00 a.m. – Noon
(Knitting: Hanging spring towels for the kitchen)

Learn to Crochet with Karen & Maryanne

Join Karen Bessinger and Maryanne Mazzocchi for an introductory series on crochet. There will be a two hour session each month. Crocheters are encouraged to also attend the special projects crochet sessions also offered on Tuesday, February 5th and March 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

NEW ADULT PROGRAMMING

Exploring Arizona

This new series includes a wide variety of presentations covering such areas as travel, history, sports & leisure, art & culture, special events, and people & places of interest in Arizona. Authors and guest presenters will be announced each month. Patrons are encouraged to call Sandra or Tracy at 837-9793 ext 211 or 210, respectively, if you wish to discuss potential series topics. Specific topics and dates will be posted in the library.

Class: 3rd Wed. of every month beginning February 20th
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Health and Wellness

This program series covers health topics of interest to men and women of all ages. Presenters will discuss issues in the areas of aging, longevity and vitality, fitness, nutrition, life changes, chronic and acute diseases and their treatment and prevention, natural health and alternative medicine, health care, and more. Presentations will also cover topics specific to men's, women's and family health. Specific topics and dates will be posted in the library.

Class: 4th Wed. of every month beginning February 27th
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Kids can Knit & and Adults can too!

Join Sandy Sawyer for our Saturday morning introductory knitting program. Bring your knitting needles and a ball of yarn. Supplies also available for use in library. Children and adults welcome. New knitters should try to attend all sessions (offered on the first and third Saturdays of the month). Free.

Date: February 2nd and 16th
March 2nd and 16th
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(introduction)



Strip Quilting – Fast & Easy

Join Karen Bessinger of Mesa Fiber Factory for a series on Strip Quilting. There will be a two hour session each month. Please bring own materials: 7 one-yard pieces of different colored/patterned fabric, marker, ruler, rotary cutter, rotary pad. If you don't have your own materials, please come anyway. Karen will be bringing the rotary cutter and rotary pad for demonstration purposes. Free.

Date: February 19th, 10:00 a.m.– Noon (assembling blocks)
Date: March 26th, 10:00 a.m.– Noon (tying and edges)

Toddler Tumbling

Kari Smith teaches young ones the basics of movement and motion including such things as somersaults, balance beam and much more. Class sizes are limited and pre-registration is required.

Where: Four Peaks Elem. School
Dates: Weds, February 13th-March 20th
Time: 2-3 year olds 3:15-4:00 p.m.
4-6 year olds 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Course: #1375 2-3 year olds
#1376 4-6 year olds

Where: Community Center
Dates: Sats, February 16th-March 30th
No class on March 16th
Time: 2-3 year olds 10:00-10:45 a.m.
4-6 year olds 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Course: #1377 2-3 year olds
Fee: \$24 per participant



Youth Dance Classes

Does your son or daughter like to dance? Hurry and get him or her signed up for one or more of our popular dance classes! We have three different classes to choose from; Lyrical/Ballet, Jazz, and our very popular Hip Hop class. Learn the basic techniques and perform for family and friends after the six-week session.

Where: High School Dance Room
Dates: Sats., March 30th - May 4th
Class: Hip Hop (1st-4th grade)
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Course #1380
Class: Ballet/Lyrical (3rd grade & up)
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Course #1381
Class: Jazz (3rd grade and up)
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Course #1382
Class: Hip Hop (5th grade and up)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Course #1383
Fee: \$28 per class
Instructor: Lindsey Greer
Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142

Gymnastics

Kari Smith teaches kids the basics of gymnastics including such things as cartwheels, walkovers, hand springs, and routines on the balance beam, vault and uneven bars and much more! Class sizes are limited and pre-registration is required.

Where: Four Peaks Elem. School
Dates: April 2nd-May 9th
Time: Beginning, Course #1309
Tue/Thur 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Interm., Course #1310
Tue/Thur 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Ages: Kindergarten to 7th
Fee: \$65 per participant
Contact: Milo Bonnin, 816-5132

Late Night

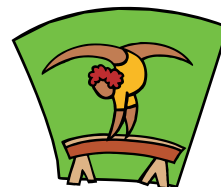
Join the crowd at the newest program in Town for teens. Usually held the third Saturday of every month, Late Night offers hours of entertainment that every teen is sure to enjoy. Often featuring such activities as a climbing wall, sumo wrestling, sports tournaments, music and contests, Late Night is sure to be a hit! This program is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Midnight Madness Foundation of Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, and the Fountain Hills Branch of the Boys and Girls Club.

Where: FH High School
Date: February 23rd and March 16th
Times: 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Fees: Free
Contact: Corey Hromek 816-5170

Roller Hockey & In-Line Skating

Girls and Boys will learn the exciting sport of roller hockey and have fun with friends. The program is designed to teach beginners how to skate and the more advanced kids how to compete with the best.

Where: Palisades Basketball Courts
Date: February 10th - March 17th
Time: Sundays, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Course: #1306
Ages: Boys and Girls ages 6 and up
Fee: \$24.00 per participant
Contact: Milo Bonnin, 816-5132



Kiddie Rhythmic

Come to explore movement and dance with this program for pre-school aged kids. Participants will learn some simple dance moves, play games and discover new songs. The kids will also get to enjoy a snack with their new friends at the end of the hour.

Where: Community Center
Class Room #2
Date: Thursdays, February 7th
through February 28th
Times: (Age 2&3) 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
(Age 4-6) 4:00p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Course: (Age 2&3) #1371
(Age 4-6) #1372
Fees: \$24 per participant
Contact: Corey Hromek, 816-5170

Holiday Hoopla!

Kids ages 2 - 6 are invited to be a part of this arts and crafts program taking place at the new Community Center. There will be at least ten activities to enjoy on Valentine's Day and the St. Patrick's Day holidays, plus refreshments and parachute games. Parents are encouraged to participate along with their child!

Where: Community Center
Date: Wednesdays
Times: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Course: February 13th #1369
Fee: \$7 per participant



Junior Tennis Lessons

New Eight Week Class! All the kids love to play tennis, so bring them out for top-notch instruction. Tom Lepisto will give them the skills they need to compete and enjoy the game.

Where: Golden Eagle Park
Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays
February 5th through March 28th

Class: Stars: 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Ages 7-9

Course: #1333

Class: Champions: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ages 10-12

Course: #1334

Class: Middle/High: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 13-17

Course: #1335

Fee: \$100 per participant

Contact: Milo Bonnin, 816-5132
Tom Lepisto, 816-6699



Family, Adult & Teen Karate

Do you and your kids want to learn karate together? Well, now you can, with karate taught with a different approach for different needs. Along with learning martial arts techniques, you will also learn the positive benefits of self-discipline and confidence to develop coordination and increase flexibility. Also being taught are life skills such as goal setting and respect. There are classes for teens, adults, and now a family class.

Where: Power Station

Date: Week of April 1st
through May 9th

Class: Family-Thurs., 6:15-7:00 p.m.
Course #1318

Class: Teen-Tues. 4:00 p.m.
and Thurs 5:15 p.m.
Course # 1319

Class: Adult-Mons 8:00 p.m.
and Thurs 7:15 p.m.
Course # 1320

Family Fee: \$32 for parent
and one child
\$16 per add'l child

Contact: Milo Bonnin, 816-5132
Rick Iacomacci, 837-6650

Adult Tennis Lessons

New Eight Week Class! No matter at what level you play, Tom Lepisto can teach you to be a better player. Come out and enjoy the weather.

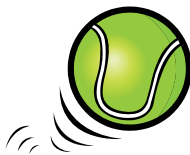
Where: Golden Eagle Park
Date: Tuesdays or Thursdays
February 5th through March 28th

Class: Beg: Tues. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Course: #1324

Class: Intrm: Thurs. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Course: #1325

Class: Adv: Thurs. 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Course: #1326

Fee: \$60 per participant
Contact: Milo Bonnin, 816-5132
Tom Lepisto, 816-6699



Karate Kids

This program is geared to teach martial arts techniques and life skills such as goal setting and respect. Participants will also learn the positive benefits of self-discipline and confidence, develop coordination and increase flexibility. This is the perfect class to try karate and find out if your kids like it.

Where: Power Station

Date: Week of April 1st
through May 9th

Class: 4-7 year olds
Weds & Frids, 4:45 to 5:15pm
Course: #1313

Class: 8-12 year olds
Mons&Weds, 7:00to 7:45pm
Course: #1314

Fee: \$32 per participant
Contact: Milo Bonnin, 816-5132
Rick Iacomacci, 837-6650

Pee Wee Tennis Lessons

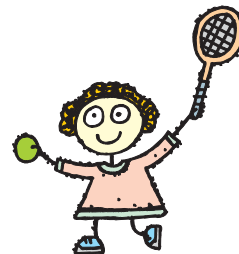
New Eight Week Class! If they can hold a racket, they can play. Bring the little ones out for lessons from Tom Lepisto, and see if they like the sport.

Where: Golden Eagle Park
Date: Tuesdays
February 5th through March 28th

Class: Ages 3-4: 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Course: #1341

Class: Ages 5-6: 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Course: #1342

Fee: \$40 per participant
Contact: Milo Bonnin, 816-5132
Tom Lepisto, 816-6699



Great Fair Senior Softball Tournament

Come out to Golden Eagle Park on February 21st through February 24th to see some of the best senior softball action in the state. Teams from all over Arizona will be in Fountain Hills to compete for bragging rights.

Where: Golden Eagle Park

Date: February 21st - February 24th
Contact: Milo Bonnin, 816-5132

Adult 5-on-5 Indoor Basketball

Get the team together and come out every Sunday night (except Easter) for fast action. Team rosters are due by February 8th.

Where: FH High School Gym

Date: February 24th - April 28th
Time: Sundays, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Course: #1379

Ages: Adult
Fee: \$275 per team
Contact: Milo Bonnin, 816-5132

Adult and Youth Arizona Excursions

Cactus League Spring Training Games

Join us for a series of excursions to the Cactus League Spring Training games at stadiums throughout the valley. You will travel to and from games in an air-conditioned 15-passenger van and enjoy the games from lower level box seats. All excursions leave from the Fountain Hills Senior Center. Plan on having lunch at the ballpark. All games begin at 1:05 p.m. Space is very limited, so register early.

Where: Van leaves the Senior Center at 11:00 a.m.

Time: Bus departs from the Kiwanis Activity Center at 10:00 a.m.

Game: March 1st - Brewers vs A's
Course #1387

Game: March 5th - White Sox vs Cubs
Course #1388

Game: March 13th - Brewers vs Cubs
Course #1389

Game: March 20th - Cubs vs Giants
Course #1390

Game: March 25th - Cubs vs Giants
Course #1391

Fee: \$20/participant per game
Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142



Shop 'Til Ya Drop

Get ready to do all of your spring shopping as we take you to all the best shopping malls in Arizona. We will be visiting Chandler Fashion Center, Scottsdale Fashion Square, and the Sedona Outlets. Bring a friend and get ready to shop 'til you drop!

Where: Leaving Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 4:00 p.m.

Mall: Chandler Fashion Center
February 6th - Course #1392

Mall: Scottsdale Fashion Square
March 6th - Course #1393

Mall: Sedona Outlets
April 16th - Course #1394

Fee: \$5 per participant - Sedona
\$2 per participant - Chandler
\$2 per participant - Scottsdale

Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142

Kartchner Caverns

Kartchner Caverns turnaround trip is back by popular demand! Join us to experience this 200,000 year old natural wonder. The caverns will amaze and astound you as you will spend over an hour actually inside this precious living cave. After this adventure you'll be telling everyone you know to visit. Spaces are limited, pre-registration is required.

Where: Kartchner Caverns
State Park in Benson, AZ

Date: March 21st

Time: Bus departs from Kiwanis
Activity Center at 9:00 a.m.
and returns at 8:00 p.m.

Course: #1384

Fee: \$40 per participant

Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142



Disneyland Turnaround Trip

In March, Parks and Recreation will be making its annual trek to California to visit Disneyland. We will spend a full day at "the happiest place on earth", and then turn around to head for "home sweet home".

Where: Disneyland - Anaheim, CA.

When: The van leaves from and
return to the new
Community Center

Date: Departs March 20th, 1:30 a.m.
Returns March 21st, 5:30 a.m.

Course: #1366

Ages: Grades 6 - 12

Fee: \$100 per participant

Contact: Kim Collis, 816-5173

Skate Park Trip

All skaters ages 11 and up are welcome to show their stuff during the next trip to a local skate park. Skaters must wear appropriate clothing and bring protective gear. Bottled water will be provided on the day of the trip to anyone who registers. So bring your board and be ready for action!



Where: Mesa Skate Park

Date: Thursday, February 7th

Times: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Course: #1368

Ages: 11 & up

Fees: \$5 per participant

Contact: Corey Hromek, 816-5170

Photography Classes

Digital Photography and Cameras

Attention genealogists! Learn how to use a digital camera as a scanner or camera to copy and preserve your family heritage. Copy slides, photos, letters, postcards, any object or document for your family history. Learn about archival quality printers, and papers and inks that preserve family photos for over 100 years. Class size is limited.

Where: Community Center
Class Room #1
Date: February 13th - March 6th
Time: Weds. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Course: #1396
Fee: \$40.00 per participant
Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142

Beginning Photography

Take better photos by mastering the basics of 35mm camera operation. This class is for the amateur photographer that wants to learn about aperture, composition, lighting, control, filtration, and film choices. Class size is limited.

Where: Community Center
Class Room #1
Date: February 12th - March 5th
Time: Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Course: #1397
Fee: \$40.00 per participant
Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142

Instant Piano ~ For Hopelessly Busy People

Some music teachers may not want you to know this, but you do not need years of weekly lessons to learn piano. In just half a day you can learn enough to give you years of musical enjoyment. The traditional approach teaches note reading while professional pianists use chords. Here you will learn all the chords you will need to play any song, any style, any key. You will perfect your technique at home, using an exclusive audiocassette provided by the instructor.

Where: Community Center
Class Room #1
Date: February 23rd
Time: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Course: #1398
Date: March 5th
Time: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Course: #1399
Fee: \$40 (includes workbook and practice cassette)
Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142



YOGA

Enjoy this very relaxing exercise class and become both physically and mentally fit. Experience the mood music and deep meditation. Everything is provided at the yoga studio, but feel free to bring your own water and mat if you choose. Please wear comfortable, stretch clothing, and for best results, do not eat for two hours before class. Pre-registration is required.



Where: Inner Peace Yoga and Health Center
Date: February 19th - March 12th
Class: Beginners
Tues. 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Course: #1385
Class: All Levels
Weds. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Course: #1386
Fee: \$32 per participant
Instructor: Inner Peace Center
Instructor
Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142

Financial and Estate Planning

Learn all you can about wills and trusts, asset protection and transfer, necessary and unnecessary insurances, suitable investing, and avoiding estate taxes.

Where: Community Center
Seminar Room #1
Course: #1402 February 12th
#1403 February 26th
#1404 March 12th
#1405 March 26th
Time: Tues., 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$5 per family
Instructors: Geoffrey W. White, CFS
Ronald S. Matheny, JD
Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142

Adult and Child CPR Certification

The American Red Cross will instruct this very useful course that will teach participants and certify them in adult and child CPR.

Where: Community Center
Seminar Room #1
Date: March 2nd
Time: Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
With 1/2 hour break
Course: #1395
Ages: Youth and adults
Fee: \$37.00 per participant
Contact: Brent Bitterman, 816-5142

Friday Bridge

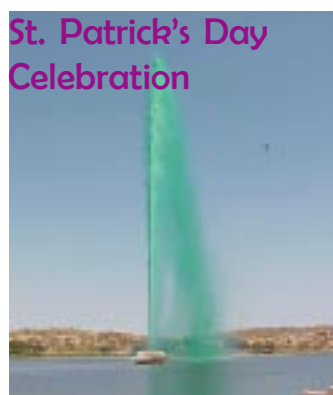
Come play the exciting game of bridge every Friday. Players do not need a partner to participate.

Where: Community Center
Date: Fridays weekly
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fee: \$1 per participant
Contact: Evelyn Breting, 816-5200

Concerts in the Park

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to invite you to attend the Concerts in the Park Series held during the month of March at Fountain Park. Each Sunday a different band will take the stage from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All concerts are offered free of charge and co-sponsored by the Arizona Commission on the Arts. Bring your blanket and a picnic lunch and enjoy Sunday afternoons in March at Fountain Park. There will not be a concert on March 17th. Instead, the Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

During the concerts, **Kids Zone** will provide a place for kids to enjoy arts and crafts while their parents enjoy the concert. Kids Zone is set up underneath the tents located near the concert stage where Parks and Recreation staff members will work with the kids on various projects each week. Like the concert series, this program is offered free of charge.



music. In addition to the Irish entertainment, there will be arts and crafts and many more activities for kids. Come start your St. Patrick's Day at Fountain Park as people gather for our annual tradition that extends back to the early 1980's. This event is free of charge.

Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation invites you and your family to join us as the world famous fountain turns emerald green at high noon in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. on March 17th as the McElligott Irish Dance Company performs traditional Irish dances. Then, at noon, the Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band will be in the park performing traditional Irish



Basketball Bonanza

Basketball Bonanza is a one day special event consisting of three separate basketball competitions, a Hot-Shot Competition, a Three-Point Shootout, and a Free Throw Contest. The winning participants in each competition category will advance to the State Finals, hosted by Arizona Parks and Recreation Association. Participants can only advance in one of the three competitions. There are three age divisions for boys and girls: 9-11, 12-14, and 15-17. Come on out and show off your basketball skills.

Where: FH High School Gym

Date: Saturday, February 9th

Time: Registration begins
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Competitions begin at
7:00 p.m.

Fee: Free

Contact: Bryan Hughes, 816-5135



Concerts Schedule

Sunday, March 3rd - JT's Island Steel

The spring weather in the southwest brings the music lovers outside to listen to Island Steel, a unique calypso sound from the islands of the Caribbean.

Sunday, March 10th - The High Rollers. This group is hitting Arizona hard with its wild-hearted, old-school, rockabilly sound.

Sunday, March 24th - Lynn Lynton Original, eclectic folk and children's music. A great children's entertainer, Lynn is the Master of Ceremonies for the Superstition Springs Center Kids Club and the Arrowhead Towne Center Kids Club.

Sunday, March 31st - Igor's Jazz Cowboys. Mixture of cowboy acoustic strings and music-hall jazz horns evoke the excitement and nostalgia of the traveling Wild West Shows.

Eggstravaganza



Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation's famous Eggstravaganza is back. Join us on Saturday, March 23rd as hundreds of kids scramble to pick up over 10,000 eggs stuffed with candy and other prizes on the ball fields at Golden Eagle Park. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance, too. This event is open to all kids up to seven years old, and all kids must be accompanied by an adult. Please plan on arriving early as the event starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. In the event of inclement weather or poor field conditions the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, March 30th at 9:00 a.m. Don't miss the Egg-citement!

'Hashknife Posse' to saddle up for 44th Annual Pony Express Ride!

One of the longest running Pony Express rides in the nation is saddling up for its 44th anniversary. Beginning January 29, 2002, over 30 volunteers from the Navajo County Sheriff's Posse, known as the "Hashknife Posse," will brave the elements and relay pouches of U.S. Mail from the high country of Holbrook to the historical western downtown of Scottsdale – a treacherous journey of 200 miles.

Every year the riders are officially sanctioned by the U.S. Postal Service to reenact the Pony Express. The Hashknife Posse's arrival at the Scottsdale Main Post Office (7242 E. Osborn Rd.) at high noon on Friday, February 1, 2002, will signal the official kickoff of the Scottsdale Jaycees Parada Del Sol.

Hashknife Pony Express Schedule of Events:

- January 29, 2:00 p.m. – Riders sworn in as "official mail messengers" at Holbrook Post Office.
- January 30, 8:00 a.m. – Riders leave with U.S. Mail and make stops in Heber and Pine.
- January 30, 4:45 p.m. – Riders arrive with U.S. Mail at the Payson Post Office.
- January 31, 9:00 a.m. – Riders leave Payson with U.S. mail for Fountain Hills.
- January 31, 2:00 p.m. – Riders arrive at the Fountain Hills Post Office (time may change subject to weather).
- February 1, 9:00 a.m. – Riders leave Verde River Campsite.
- February 1, High Noon – Riders gallop to the Scottsdale Main Post Office and deliver mail to the Postmaster and Mayor of Scottsdale.



Thank You Pat

Pat Harvey, Street Superintendent, retired from the Town of Fountain Hills in October 2001, after working for 11 years. Pat will be dearly missed by many employees, but his enthusiasm will live on! The community looks forward to seeing a little leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day, an Easter Bunny in the spring, and a brightly decorated house during December.



Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation Program Registration & Release of Liability

Please PRINT

1 Main Contact _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____ Emerg. Phone _____

Participant's Name	Birth Date	Sex	Grade	T-shirt Size	Program Title	Course Number	Fee
Please make checks payable to: The Town of Fountain Hills						TOTAL	

2 Signature of Participant (or parent/guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

3 By signing above I understand that no medical insurance is provided for Town of Fountain Hills activities and agree to assume the risk for any injury related to my participation or the participation of my dependents. I agree to make no claims against the Town of Fountain Hills or any of its officers, employees, or volunteers for any injury or incident arising from this activity, however caused, including liability for negligence. I am physically able (or my dependent is physically able) to participate in this activity. I consent to any medical treatment my dependent needs while involved in this activity and I agree to pay for it. I realize that the Town of Fountain Hills is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Mail to: Parks and Recreation Department, ATTN: Program Registration
P.O. Box 17958, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

OR Deliver to: Town Hall, 16836 E. Palisades Blvd., Building A

For Office Use Only	
Date Received _____	
Check # _____	
Cash _____	Staff _____

IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CALL 480-816-5152 (VOICE) OR 1-800-367-8939 (TTD)

The Senior Activity Center of Fountain Hills is open Mondays, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Center is relocating to the old library at Town Hall, Bldg. C in February. Come see the "new digs", get program information, and find out what services are available. Cost: participation fee of \$10.00 on a calendar-year basis.

Fitness Classes

Six sessions per week. For card-carrying participants a punch card is available with costs of \$2.00 per session. Brenda Shaffer, Certified Senior Fitness Instructor and Virginia Clarkson assists.

Strength Training: Tues. & Thurs. 8:00a.m. - 9:00a.m.

Aerobics-Low Impact: Tues. & Thurs. 9:10a.m. - 10:10a.m.

Stretch & Tone: Mons. & Weds. 4:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Line Dancing Class

Beginning and Intermediate class is Thurs., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Advanced class is Mons., 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Class members also dance at other times and places each week.

Bridge

Contract bridge players meet Weds. 9:30a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cards and Poker

Card players meet Frids. 9:00 a.m.- noon. Chess, Checkers, picture puzzles, and board games also available.

Bingo

This fun group meets Mons, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Twelve games with monetary prizes: \$3.00 for 3 cards.

Art Activities

Ongoing classes available at pro-rated fees are:

Acrylics: Weds., 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Collage: Fri., 1:00-3:00p.m.

Chiaroscuro Drawing: Beginning March 8th. Instructor is Justine Mantor, B.A., B.F.A., M.F.A. with MCC art faculty.

Play Reading

Readers' Theater - fun with dramatic literature and no memorizing, this class meets on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Free

Wood Carvers Carve Along

Fridays 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Men's Group

Wanted: a few good men to help organize discussions or activities. Watch for announcement of a kick off event.

Women's Group

Table Talk: Thursdays 1:00-3:00 p.m. for lively discussion.

Sixty & Single: Meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. to plan group activities.

Day Trips

Shopping Mall trips being planned.

Feb. 3rd -Nunsense II at Desert Stages Theater.

Feb. 7th -Tubac's Festival of the Arts.

March 24th -26th Rocky Point, Mexico

April 24th -26th Monument Valley and Canyon de Chelly

Fishing Club

Selected Thursdays trips in Senior Services van to local lakes. Call for schedule and reservations.

Caregiver Support Group

This group meets the second Wednesday of each month 10:00-11:30 a.m. January 9th and February 13th. Facilitator is Donna Hepperman, M.S.W. of the Generations Program

Free Financial Seminars

Please call for seating for each seminar.

Ten Ways to Wealth

Feb. 19th, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Tax-Free IRA Withdrawals

Mar. 19th, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Health Activities

Humor and Your Health

Mar. 20th, 1:30-3:00p.m. Learn illness prevention, health maintenance, pain control, immune system enhancement and stress reduction.

Health Screening Services

Feb. 25th, 8:30-11:30a.m. Screenings for stroke, thyroid, aneurysm, gall bladder, pulmonary disease, arterial disease, glaucoma, diabetes or cholesterol. Cathedral Health Services. Call for costs.



Services

Call the Senior Activity Center at 816-5888 for information on the following services:

~Benefits counseling by appointment for Medicare or Social Security.

~Tax preparation assistance by appointment with AARP volunteers.

~Medical equipment loan program.

~Home delivered meals.

How to Contact Us

Town Hall: 837-2003
Parks & Recreation: 816-5152
Marshals Department: 837-8800
Sheriff's Department: 837-2047
Public Library: 837-9793
Community Center: 816-5200
Senior Center: 816-5888
Fountain Hills Sanitary District: 837-9444
Fountain Hills School District: . 837-0693



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